

SELECTED DISCLOSURES BY DR. WILENS AND RELATED INFORMATION REPORTED BY PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES—Continued

Year	Company	Disclosure filed with institution	Payments revealed in March 2008	Amount company reported
2003	Eli Lilly & Company	Not reported	12,000	0
	Phase 5	Not reported	90,500	n/a
	TVG	Not reported	31,000	n/a
2004	Medlearning	Not reported	24,000	n/a
	Eli Lilly & Company	Not reported	7,500	27,500
	Phase 5	Not reported	84,250	n/a
2005	Medlearning	Not reported	46,000	n/a
	Eli Lilly & Company	<20,000	9,500	9,500
	Promedix	Not reported	70,000	n/a
2006	Advanced Health Media	Not reported	37,750	n/a
	Eli Lilly and Physician World (Lilly)	No amount provided	5,963	12,798
	Advanced Health Media	Not reported	56,000	n/a
2007	Primedia	Not reported	32,000	n/a
	Eli Lilly & Company	Not reported	9,000	14,969
	Veritas	Not reported	25,388	n/a

Note 1: Dr. Wilens revealed in March 2008 that his outside income totaled about \$1.6 million during the period January 2000 through June 2007. Information reported by the pharmaceutical companies indicate that they made additional payments that are not reflected in Dr. Spencer's disclosures.

Note 2: When a Physician named a company in a disclosure but did not provide an amount, the text reads "no amount reported." When a Physician did not list the company in the disclosure, the column reads "not reported." The Committee contacted several companies for payment information and the notation n/a (not available) reflects that a company was not contacted.

MINNESOTA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, in May, I joined Governor Pawlenty, Senator COLEMAN and our Minnesota Congressional Delegation, our State legislators and thousands of Minnesotans in celebrating Minnesota's 150 years as a State.

We are proud to be a State where—in the words of our unofficial poet laureate Garrison Keillor—all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the sesquicentennials are above average.

For 150 years, our State has been built by people who knew they had to work hard, had to be bold, and had to persevere—to overcome the adversities and hardships that confronted them.

Each one of us here is a part of Minnesota's illustrious history. And each one of us has our own story about our Minnesota heritage.

Mine has its roots in the rough and tumble Iron Range, where my grandpa worked 1,500 feet underground in the mines of Ely. He and my grandma graduated from high school, but they saved money in a coffee can to send my dad to college. The little house they lived in all their lives they got when the mine closed down in Babbitt. They loaded it on the back of a flatbed truck and dynamited out a hole for the basement in Ely. The only problem was my grandpa used too much dynamite and the neighbor's wash went down a block away from all the flying rocks.

I told the story up north a while back and some old guy stood up and yelled out, "As if we don't remember!" They have long memories up on the Range.

Today is a day to remember that Minnesota is recognized and admired both for our natural beauty and our hard-working people.

We are home to the headwaters of the Mississippi River and to Lake Superior, the "greatest" of the Great Lakes.

We are home to native peoples whose history stretches far before our statehood.

We are the State that mined the iron ore for America's ships and skyscrapers.

We are the home to Fortune 500 companies that lead the way in innovation—bringing the world everything from the pacemaker to the Post-It Note.

We are home to hospitals and medical institutions that heal the sick from around the world.

And we are now a national leader in the renewable energy that will power our future.

For 150 years, we have served our country with great honor. Back in the Civil War, it was the First Minnesota that held the line during the Battle of Gettysburg, preventing a breach in the Union lines. The price this volunteer unit paid was the highest casualty rate of any military unit in American history, and today their flag flies here in the Capitol rotunda as a reminder of their bravery and sacrifice.

Now, the Minnesota National Guard's 34th Infantry Regiment—the famed Red Bulls—traces its roots to the 1st Minnesota Volunteers and they continue to honor that tradition of service to country.

On the sports field, we are home to the 1987 and 1991 World Series Champion Minnesota Twins.

It was a Minnesotan, Herb Brooks, who coached the U.S. Hockey Team to the gold medal in the 1980 Winter Olympics—the "Miracle on Ice."

Of course, after years of anguish, my dad, still an avid sports fan, continues to ask if the Vikings will ever win the Super Bowl.

We brought the world music legends from Bob Dylan to Prince to "Whoopie John," the King of Polka from New Ulm.

And speaking of culture, Darwin, MN, is home to the world's largest ball of twine built by one person (my husband made me add the "by one person!"). He saw a documentary about some other ball of twine.

Then we have our many colorful politicians, from Senator James Shields, who challenged Abraham Lincoln to a saber duel, to Senator Magnus Johnson, whose Swedish accent was so thick that his nickname going into the Senate was "Yenerally Speaking Yohnson", to Governor Rudy Perpich and his polka-mass; to Governor Ventura and his feather boa, to Paul Wellstone and his green bus, to two of America's most beloved Vice Presidents.

In fact, I read in a national magazine way back that ours is the only State

where parents bounce their babies on their knees and say, "One day you could grow up to be Vice President."

But, Minnesota's celebration is not just about our history. It is also about our future. That is why the involvement of young people is so important—especially our young essay winners.

I always think of our State as a "work in progress."

We are a State whose people have always believed—despite the cold, the snow, the windswept prairies . . . Despite all that, we have always believed that anything was possible.

We are a State that is defined by the optimism of our people. We look to the future and we believe that—with hard work, education and good values—we can make tomorrow better than today.

I am reminded of an Ojibwe prayer passed down from the ages—the prayer that our leaders and our people make decisions not for their own generation but for those seven generations from now.

That is what that ragtag brigade of Minnesota citizen soldiers did in 1863 when they held the line at the Battle of Gettysburg.

That is what Sigurd Olson was thinking as he wrote about the beauty of our State and this Earth and its stewardship.

And that is what an Iron Range miner was hoping for as he saved those dollars in that coffee can, never dreaming his granddaughter would end up in the United States Senate.

After 150 years, we celebrate the courage and forethought of those who came before us and pray that we can live up to their expectations.

Happy birthday, Minnesota!

CONGRATULATING CARRIS REELS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Carris Reels of Rutland, VT, for receiving the 2008 ESOP Association's "Company of the Year" award.

Founded in 1951 by Henry Carris, and bought by his son, Bill Carris, in 1980, Carris Reels sells a full line of manufactured reel products for a wide variety of industries. Today, Carris Reels has about 550 employee owners and

eight locations nationwide. The company became 100-percent employee owned in January 2008.

One of the unique characteristics of Carris Reels is the company's steering committee, which goes beyond the basic functions of most ESOP committees and takes responsibility for allocations of benefits, quality of work-life issues, communications, training, and governance. Made up of both management and corporate employees, the Committee keeps alive the vision of former owner Bill Carris who moved the company toward employee ownership in 1995. Bill has said that organizations consist of three dimensions: spiritual, emotional, and physical. The strong business his family built and the employees now own is proof positive that these dimensions will remain a legacy at Carris Reels.

Carris Reels also is a strong supporter of the Vermont Employee Ownership Center, VEOC, a statewide non-profit organization founded in 2001 to provide information and resources to owners interested in selling their business to their employees, employee groups interested in purchasing a business, and entrepreneurs who wish to start up a company with broadly shared ownership. To date, the VEOC has given direct assistance to over 60 Vermont businesses, employing over 1,700 Vermonters. I applaud the VEOC for holding its Sixth Annual Employee Ownership Conference in Burlington later this week.

Once again, I congratulate all of the employees at Carris Reels for this well-deserved recognition. They make great reels; they do business well; and they treat their employees right—all of these accomplishments, I believe, are related.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of an article about the award from the June 2, 2008, Rutland Herald be printed in the RECORD so that all Senators can read about the success and admirable business practices of this visionary Vermont company.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Rutland Herald, June 2, 2008]
CARRIS REELS WINS 'COMPANY OF YEAR'
AWARD

(By Bruce Edwards)

Carris Reels will occupy a special place at this week's sixth annual Vermont Employee Ownership Conference in Burlington.

The Rutland-based company was recently presented with the national 2008 ESOP Company of the Year award by the ESOP Association—the national trade association for companies with employee stock ownership plans.

"Carris Reels is an example of the value and potential that employee ownership can bring to (a) company," J. Michael Keeling, president of The ESOP Association, said in a statement. "The employee owners of Carris Reels strive to make their company stronger each day and it shows in the work they do and in the value they place on the individuals who make up their company."

Founded in 1951 by Henry Carris, the company manufactures a line of reels for the

wire, cable and rope industries. The 100-percent employee-owned company has 550 workers at eight locations around the country.

According to Don Jamison of the Vermont Employee Ownership Center, the state has the highest number of employee-owned companies per capita in the country. Jamison said there are approximately 10,000 ESOPs in the country, with 30 such companies in Vermont and another 10 companies that are workers co-operatives.

Jamison said one important benefit of an employee-owned company is that it ensures the company stays local. "If an owner is exiting (selling) and is concerned about his or her employees, it can ensure that the company will continue as it has been, provided there is a new group of managers to take over responsibilities."

He said employee-owned companies also give a direct stake to employees who reap the profits when the company performs well. "With a combination of participation and ownership, you see a pretty significant boost in productivity gains," Jamison said.

He also said there are tax advantages for an owner who sells their company to employees with the potential of getting a rollover in the capital gains tax.

As an example of the productivity gains that are realized with an ESOP, Jamison said two recent winners of the Deane C. Davis Outstanding Vermont Business Award, Resource Systems Group and King Arthur Flour Co., are both majority-owned by their employees.

Jamison said while setting up an ESOP is a complex process, it can be well worth the effort in the long run for the company, its employees and the owner.

One of the conference's workshops this week is based on a Carris Reels initiative called "Inclusive Decision-Making."

"They're really trying very hard to make their company 100 percent employee governed," Jamison said.

According to the national ESOP Association, a unique component of Carris Reels is its steering committee which goes beyond most ESOP committees and assumes decision-making for a number of functions including: allocation of benefits, quality of work-life issues, communications, training and governance. The committee meets twice a year to review financial information and receives operational updates from the various departments.

The Carris committee is made up of management and employees who serve three-year terms. In addition, the ESOP Association points out that the committee keeps alive the vision of Bill Carris, the son of founder Henry Carris, who moved the company toward employee ownership in 1995. Bill Carris' long-term plan is that "organizations consist of three dimensions: spiritual, emotional, and physical."

The keynote speaker at the Vermont conference at Champlain College is Veda Clark, CEO of Lite Control, an ESOP-owned company in Massachusetts that is known for its employee participation programs.

The conference agenda also includes the following workshops:

Social responsibility and the employee-ownership movement, How to successfully lead an employee-owned company, Balancing short- and long-term rewards in companies with an ESOP, How to leverage employee ownership as a marketing tool, Structuring an employee-owned company for inclusive decision-making, The differences between ESOPs and worker co-operatives and which is best suited for their company, The basics of financing an ESOP; and the keys to business valuation, How to manage an established ESOP, Coping with growth in worker cooperatives, Long-term ESOP sustain-

ability; and renewing the spirit of employee ownership.

For more information, visit www.veoc.org; e-mail info@veoc.org; or call 861-6611.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RETIREMENT OF THOMAS E. BARTON

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I ask the Senate to join me in recognizing Dr. Thomas E. Barton on the occasion of his retirement as president of Greenville Technical College.

Dr. Barton graduated from Clemson University in 1953 with a bachelor of science degree and received his doctorate in higher education administration from Duke University in 1972. While at Clemson, Dr. Barton played football under legendary coach Frank Howard. In 1987, he was honored for his athletic achievements by being elected to both the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame and the Clemson University Athletic Hall of Fame.

After 9 years of service in the public schools of South Carolina and Georgia as teacher, coach, and school superintendent, he became president of Greenville Technical College in 1962. When Dr. Barton began his term as president, Greenville Tech consisted of one building serving 800 students. Forty-six years later, the college boasts a 42-building, four-campus system, offering university transfer and technical programs to more than 60,000 students annually.

Dr. Barton was named Business Person of the Year by Greenville Magazine in 1995, and has consistently been chosen as one of the 50 most influential residents of Greenville by the publication. He was also named one of the top 25 community leaders by the Greenville News in 2000, 2001, and 2002. He has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from Winthrop University, the University of South Carolina, and Clemson University. In January 2003, he was presented with the Order of the Palmetto, the State's highest award for a civilian.

A leader in community affairs, Barton has served on the governing boards of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the Historic Greenville Foundation, and the YMCA. He is a commissioner for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has chaired the board of directors of the Donaldson Air Force Base Museum and the South Carolina Technical College Presidents' Council. He has served on the Executive Committee for Friends of the Greenville Hospital System, on the Governor's Task Force on Education in South Carolina, and as honorary chairman of the March of Dimes Team Walk for Greenville. He is also an active member of the Greenville Rotary Club.

Dr. Barton has served his State and his community well as an educator and civic leader. I wish him the very best in